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BRIEFS by PORTIA

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April 25, 1945 is one of the history-topping dates that will be inscribed in the textbooks of the future—April 25, 1945, San Francisco, the date and meeting place of the United Nations for the preparing of a charter for a world security organization. This intimate connection with international statesmanship makes evident that through scientific research, the shrinking of space demands that we take our full responsibilities as citizens of The World.

The pronouncements of the Big Three Conference at Yalta demonstrates that power, not ideals still dictates world policies and it is imperative that as a nation we maintain our power so that our democratic ideals may continue to exist in these United States and gradually may become international ideals.

AN IMMUTABLE LAW

A master football craftsman, a maker of All-Americans, and a perennial coach of Rose Bowl elevens, had a primary rule that even when time was taken out, his player must remain on his feet instead of stretching relaxed on the greensward. He operated on the theory that more energy was expended in the act of returning to a playing position than was generated by brief moments reclining in a horizontal position close to Mother Earth. Each time the whistle blew for a time out, players of the opposing team might lie down on the ground but the men on the team of the master coach were right in there, on their toes until the gun signalled the last second had been played and the game was over.

The theory of the master coach very well may be carried over to the conduct of the war. In spite of the encouraging war news, there can be no let down, no resting on our laurels; production of war goods must continue at top speed and in an unbroken line until the unconditional surrender of BOTH Germany and Japan. The grim days of last December demonstrated that temporary optimism with an accompanying slackening of civilian effort has necessitated an extra-pull on the part of the whole nation with the possibility of a labor draft.

In speaking of premature easing-off, Bernard Baruch, that elder statesman, to whom has fallen the role of advisor in production says, "It would be treasonable to our fighting men to think of anything but war production to the uttermost necessity until the unconditional surrender of Germany and Japan."

It is wiser and easier to "keep going," than have to stage a "come back.'

Recorder Publisher Dress Club Officer

Last week Mrs. Anne Frahm Brubaker, business manager of the San Mateo Times, took office as president of the San Mateo County Press Association at a dinner meeting at Villa Chartier, San Mateo, Monday night.

Duane S. Loughlin, publisher of the Menlo Park Recorder, was elected vice president but was not in attendance.

Mrs. Brubaker was installed by George McQueen, publisher of the Burlingame Advance, who took office as secretary-treasurer.

Elwood Williams, San Francisco manager for the California Newspaper Publishers Association, was speaker.

● **Gino "Hank" Busa who left** Menlo last October and since that time has been half way around the world, Guam, Saipan, New Zealand and Alaska, returned to his home on Hoover street this week. His mother is Mrs. Santa Busa.

Chamber of Commerce Maps Plans To Help Solve Housing Situation

The Board of Directors of the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce headed by newly-elected James Cooper met Monday night in their first meeting of the year. Plans are under way for many important projects for the betterment of the community.

Temporary Shelter Needed.

Heading the list was the desire for shelter for visitors of wounded service men who come to Menlo Park daily in search of a place to stay while visiting at the hospital.

Not only the Chamber of Commerce but the Lions club and other organizations are appealing to owners of large houses, that are not occupied, to help relieve this critical situation. The government has made no provisions for visitors at the hospital and it was expressed by the chamber members that something must be done.

Mrs. E. Noel, Dick Wright and Councilman Wallace Brown were named to head a committee to try to induce residents with large homes to cooperate in the matter.

Initiation Fee Added.

Effective immediately, there will be an initiation fee of $5 for new members joining the body. Higher yearly dues are anticipated in the near future as it was pointed out by L. L. Johnston that the Chamber of Commerce could not hope to accomplish much without money and that no other such groups had such low dues.

Dues Collector Appointed.

Mrs. Frances Maloney, city treasurer, was appointed to collect dues in the future. Mrs. Maloney will receive a small fee for her services.

Hopkins Estate Discussed.

The board members named John A. Sullivan to investigate the possibility of Dibble Hospital to be included in the limits of Menlo Park so steps could be taken to annex the Hopkins tract before it is grabbed off by Palo Alto.

Even though the many residents expected to reside there may not patronize Menlo Park, it would add considerable to the tax roll, it was pointed out.

Favor Douglass Estate.

The board of directors went on record as favoring the Douglass estate for the high school site in this section of the county. A letter is to be written to the board of trustees of Sequoia Hogh Schol to that effect.

Public Meeting Planned.

Another board meeting will be held February 26 at which plans of the Chamber of Commerce will be mapped out in preparation for a public meeting to be held at the Central school sometime in March. The exact date will be announced later.

Leave For Service

Following is the list of boys who left for induction into the Armed Forces Monday, February 12:

Moyland Calhoun Fox
Ray Vernon Hatch.
Antone Joseph Nunes.
Edward John Lea.
Fred Edward Tolomei.
Aldo Vincent Marchi.
Wilbur Kirk Lambert.
Fred Frank Kafka.

● **Lt. Don Tormey, USN, is home** on leave at his Creek Drive home in Menlo. Don has been stationed on the east coast for several months.

Baseball Tips

BY FRANK FIELDING
Menlo J.C. Baseball Coach

Due to the great amount of interest in the South San Mateo County Junior Baseball League, the Recorder has asked Coach Frank Fielding of Menlo Junior College to write a series of articles on baseball for young players in this district.

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The main purpose of these articles is to instruct the young player on the fundamentals of baseball and not to delve into the finer points of the game.

I would also like to state that I have borrowed a number of these suggestions from Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, and other great players.

BATTING

The first rule in batting is to select the proper bat.

Most boys get off on the wrong foot by trying to use too heavy a bat. A player of grade school age should not try to use the type used by men playing professional ball. Try to select a bat that you can swing easily.

A batter should remember that the most important thing is to meet the ball squarely instead of trying to blast every pitch out of the lot.

Babe Ruth says, "Correct timing means that the bat meets the ball at the instant when the swing carries its greatest power. There is a certain pressure to every swing which grows to a peak then fades. The good hitters and the long hitters in baseball are the fellows who make that top power of the swing come just where the bat connects with the ball."

You will also note that the fellow with the lighter bat and better timing will get more distance than the fellow with the heavier bat who does not time his swing so well.

The best batting style for a player is the one that feels the most natural for him.

The main rules to remember is to try to get a smooth swing; step toward the pitcher when you swing; don't be too over anxious and bite on bad pitchers. A base on ball is sometimes as good as a hit.

When at bat watch every movement of the pitcher and try to figure out whether he about to throw a curve or a fast ball. Some pitchers unconsciously expose their next pitch by the way they hold the ball.

If a batter has a noticeable weakness on a certain type of pitch he should have the batting practice pitcher give him this kind of ball in practice.

Many young players have improved their own style by studying the batting stance of a player with good form.

Don't be disappointed if you go without a hit for several games, just keep practicing and try to figure out what you are doing wrong.

NEXT WEEK—PITCHING.

Basketball

The second week of basketball went off like clock-work and the boys had some real enjoyment in the Menlo J. C. and St. Joseph's gymnasiums.

Menlo Hi Y defeated Las Lomitas by a score of 63-27.

Menlo J.C. defeated Stanford Park by a score of 43-23.

French, the star shortstop of the baseball league last year was the high point scorer in the game, although big Phannell was the most consistant scorer for the Stanford Park cagers.

Menlo Oaks defeated the Menlo Rangers in a good, interesting contest by a score of 28-21. Good play by both teams featured the game.

In the estimation of the boys 'in the know," Menlo High Y team is progressing very favorably and young Kelly is a fine ball player. He produced 23 points for his team Sunday but all the boys play the game as a unit.

An additional team has been entered into the league under the name of Columbian Squires, directed by Dan Dolan and sponsored by the Rev. Geary of the Church of the Nativity.

In a special practice game the Squires defeated the Nativity Youth by a score of 32-30.

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Menlo Hi Y vs. Menlo J.C., 1:30 p.m. at J. C. gym.

Stanford Park vs. St. Joseph's, 2:30 p.m at J.C. gym.

Nativity Youth vs. Menlo Oaks 3:30p.m. at J.C. gym.

Menlo Rangers vs. Ravenswood 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's

Las Lomitas vs. Columbian Squires at 3:00 p.m., St. Joseph's gym.

Fremont School Needs Room

The regular monthly meeting of the Menlo Park Elementary School Board Monday evening, was called to order by President George Angus with Clerk John W. Morey and Louis Anderson in attendance.

The problem of glare from the reflection into the classrooms on the North side of the building was brought to the attention of the board by O. H. Olson and he was instructed to make the necessary arrangements to take care of the nuisance.

Mr. Olson was also instructed to make arrangements with the Players Guild and any other group which uses the auditorium to arrange for a special custodian to care for heat and lights.

It was announced that publicity materials are to be gathered and submitted to the board at the next meeting with the idea of publishing such material as is of interest to the public relative to the past accomplishments of the school pupils and teachers and also the future plans of the schools.

More Room Needed.

The board discussed the problem of increased attendance and enrollment in the Fremont section and found that on the basis of present indications at least one additional room and a kindergarten room would probably be necessary for the next school year. Mr. Angus was asked to secure the data for the next meeting when arrangements on what steps to take will be made.

FORMER RESIDENT RELEASED FROM MANILA PRISON CAMP

John Batchelor, a former resident of Menlo Park was among the prisoners recently released from a Jap prison camp in the Philippines.

Narcotic Chief To Speak At Women's Club Meeting

The Chief of the Division of Narcotic Enforcement for the state of California, F. J. O'Farrall of San Francisco, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Women's Club of Menlo Park on March 6. The public is invited to attend the meeting which will be held in the social parlors of the Menlo Park Presbyterian church. Mr. O'Farrall will discuss the problems of narcotic enforcement in relation to juvenile delinquency, the armed services and the general public. He will emphasize the danger of the marihauna menace. There will be a demonstration of some of the types of narcotics.

Appointed as chairman for refreshments for the meeting is Mrs. Mario Paccioretti and assisting hostess include Mrs. Wallace Ott, Mrs. Oscar Larson, Mrs. George W. Webb and Mrs. Charles Oram.

Mrs. Ray Johnson is president of the organization.

"BOB" FREDERICK RECEIVES GOLD WINGS

Martin Frederick, "Bob," son of Mrs. Dorothy Frederick, 424 Oak Grove avenue, received his golden wings medal February 13.

Bob entered the service 3 years ago and was a corporal in the Marines when he became eligible and was selected for training as a naval aviation cadet. He studied in several aviation schools and was graduated from the school at Corpus Christi, Texas, with highest honors.

Ensign Frederick will be home on leave before he is sent to an advanced base.

LETTER RECEIVED FROM DANNY SILVA; ALL'S WELL

After a period of 7 weeks anxiety at not hearing from Danny Silva, his wife and family were relieved this week to receive a letter from him—moved to a different area, but safe and in good health. Danny's baby girl whom he has not seen since she was 3 months old, is now almost 2 years old.

In 1944 Danny was awarded a certificate for exceptional bravery with the 754th Tank Batallion.

● **Mr. and Mrs. Jay Allen (Ellen Hoss)** and their baby daughter, Sandra, who have been living in Milton, Ore., returned to Menlo Park this week to make their permanent home here.

Joe's Home And In The Pink

Joe Maloney, USN, who has been overseas for many months, is on a 30-day leave. Joe, a radioman, has been in the thick of the fighting in several battle zones.

The last time his mother, Mrs. Frances Maloney, heard from Joe, he was in Hawaii, where he nearly scared the wits out of a former Menlo Park neighbor, now living in Hawaii, by making an unannounced call at her home. She wrote his mother, saying that she nearly fainted when she opened her front door and found Joe standing on the porch.

Joe's return to his own home was also a complete surprise. His mother was writing a letter to him, when the door bell rang. She sent her little grandson to answer the bell and when he yelled, "Joe Maloney!" she was completely staggered. She says she doesn't know yet, how she got to the front door.

Joe looks wonderful, just as chipper and full of fight as he was when he left Menlo to join the navy.

Men's Club Completes Plan For St. Patrick's Dance

A green (and we do mean green) oasis in the great desert of Lent is the St. Patrick's dance planned for the evening of Saturday, March 17, by the Men's Club of St. Joseph school.

This St. Patrick's dance, which was a gala event last year, by popular acclaim, has become one of the traditions of Menlo Park.

This evening, the Men's Club will meet at 8 o'clock in the school gym to make plans for the party.

Arnold Van Epern, president, has appointed Tom Kearney as chairman of the affair. His committee includes Fire Chief Thomas F. Cuff, arrangement; Steve Gilbert, refreshment; Dick Richards, entertainment; Phil Blanchard, music; Gene Thomas, decorations; John A. Sullivan, publicity and Ray Fickes, tickets.

Guild Chooses Cast For Next Comedy

At the casting meeting held last Friday night at Central school auditorium, the complete cast for the next Guild production, "George Washington Slept Here," was selected. This is the first time a play has been cast at the first meeting.

A. Clay Gaines, who will direct the play, is enthusiastic about the group he has to work with in this production.

Those chosen for roles in the play are: Jane George, George Cole, Uno Ahlenius, Cecile Sundquist, George Terhune, Vernon Barker, Adele Moore, John Drinkrow, Jackie Scott, Teresa Roberto, Dean Chenen, Tex Maples, and Helen Ahlenius.

John Lomax will be stage manager for the production and Nellie McLaughlin was appointed associate director.

MR. AND MRS. SIDNEY GIBBS HONORED AT PARTY

In celebration of the 14th wedding anniversary of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gibbs, Mrs. Robert Poole entertained at a turkey dinner at her home on 612 Cambridge last Sunday night.

Her dinner table was decorated with pink snapdragons. Twelve friends were present.

GEORGE S. HUGHES BACK TO DUTY

George S. Hughes, USN, son of Mrs. James H. Lewis of Valparaiso avenue, has returned to service after having enjoyed a 5-day leave with Mrs. Hughes at 607 Santa Cruz avenne.

Hughes has completed his training at the US Naval Air Training Technical Center at Norman, Okla.

He is now slated for transfer to a naval unit afloat or to another shore station for further instruction and work. Upon successful completion of his training, he may be eligible to apply for duty as an air crewman and so will be entitled to wear the silver wings of that service.

● **Mrs. Ruth Horne of Menlo** Park left this week for Boston, Mass.

● **The Red Cross drive will start** March 1.

Mayor Fisher Spikes Resignation Rumor; Police Force Will Have Another Officer

New Businesses

BEVERLY CLEANERS

The most ethusiastic member of the new firm, the cleaning establishment which is opening at 654 Santa Cruz ave., is little Beverly Podany, daughter of the owner of the new business. He has named the establishment for her—"The Beverly Cleaners.'

MENLO SPORT SHOP

Henry Aviles, whose home is at 9 Vine street, has opened a sporting goods shop at the corner of Santa Cruz and Merrill street. Besides repairing bicycles, he intends to handle a complete line of sport equipment when it becomes available.

WATCH REPAIR SHOP

A watch repair shop, operated by Vernon E. Dignon has been opened at 540 Santa Cruz avenue.

Legion Post 443 To Honor Vets

Menlo Park Post 443, American Legion will be hosts to all discharged veterans of World War II on Wednesday, February 21 at the Legion Hall, Menlo Park.

Special invitations have been mailed to these veterans requesting their presence. A prominent Legion speaker will be present, as well as a speaker from the Veterans Re-Employment Service of Palo Alto. The main topics of the evening will be the explanation of the aims and purposes of the American Legion, as well as a thorough explanation of the G.I. Bill of Rights.

A buffet supper will be served under the chairmanship of Comrade First Vice Commander Joseph B. Kelly, of Menlo Park Post.

A large crowd is anticipated and a warm welcome is in store for our discharged comrades.

A short business session will precede the party to which all post members are urged to attend.

Lenten Services

Last Wednesday the distribution of ashes marked the opening of the Lenten season in the Trinity Episcopal church. At the Sunday services during Lent, the Reverend Charles E. Fritz, rector, will present a series of sermons on "The Teachings of the Church."

The Lenten meetings of the Women's Auxiliary will be devotional meetings. Next Monday the Reverend Fritz will address the group at two o'clock in the Parish House. His topic will be "The Prayerbook." The talk will be followed by a devotional period. Each Monday, during Lent, the group will gather at two o'clock at the Parish House for devotions and also will sew for the Red Cross. Mrs. Sanborn Backuns is the devotional chairman and Mrs. Geoffrey Almy is president of the Auxiliary.

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Lenten services at the Church of the Nativity will be conducted on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings at 7:45 o'clock and on Friday afternoons at 3:45 there will be Stations of the Cross for the school children, according to the Reverend Thomas McKeon, pastor.

The Italian Mission opens this Sunday, February 18 and continues through next Sunday with daily Mass at 8 a.m. and evening devotions at 7:30. The Reverend Louis Masoero, S. C., a member of the faculty of the St. Francis school at Watsonville, will give the mission.

GOOD DAY AT RED CROSS BLOOD BANK SATURDAY

Saturday, February 10 was a splendid day at the blood bank at Redwood City with over 170 people giving a pint of blood each. Menlo was well represented and among the donors were nine from Dibble hospital, and one from the California Water Co. According to Mrs. Leland Rosener Jr., chairman of the Menlo Park-Atherton service, our community is doing a better job all the time. Phone P.A. 4148 today and make your appointment to give your blood for the boys in the armed service.

● **Jesse Alexander, home from** his second trip with the Merchant Marine, spent last week end with his mother, Mrs. Harriet Alexander at her home on Roble avenue.

Mayor Donald Fisher stated at the meeting of the City Council Tuesday night that he had heard rumors were circulating around town that he was going to resign from office because he changed his residence to San Mateo. He said that "he had no intention of resigning unless it was illegal not to do so." He asked Attorney James O'Keefe to determine the legality of the situation and report his findings at the next meeting.

Attorney O'Keefe said that he thought it was permissible and cited instances where such cases existed. However, he added, that was only his personal opinion.

Need For Another Officer.

Police Commissioner Lloyd Neumann asked the council for another officer be added to the present force, explaining that there is only one patrolman on duty during the night and early morning, when there should be two. He said that it was dangerous for one man to work alone and related recent situations where one man had to handle nine men.

In discussing the matter, councilman Charles Burgess said that the budget did not provide for another man but if it was a matter of life or property damage, that the budget could be stretched to include an additional officer.

Councilman Brown agreed that another man on the force was badly needed and now is the time to act on the matter.

Police Chief Jack Yount informed the council that M.P. patrol formerly in this area had been moved to Alabama and only two men were left to patrol the entire county.

Mayor Fisher reccomended the appointment of another officer and the council agreed and left the matter up to Commissioner Neuman.

Vacancies Filled.

Two vacancies in the Planning Commission left by L. L. Johnston and the late John H. Sullivan were filled by William Hemper and Paul Bryant. The two men were recommended by Mayor Fisher, who, after unanimous approval by the council, confirmed the appointment.

Ball Diamond Repairs.

Wallace Brown asked for approval of plans to remake the baseball diamond at recreation park. He said that the league was such a success last year and plans are already under way for the coming season, and the diamond was in need of repair. The "go ahead" signal was given.

Garbage Situation.

A letter was read bearing signatures of three local residents who endorsed the request of the Menlo Park Garbage company for an increase in service rates from 50c to 75c per month, and that the present rate is too low to be fair for the excellent service offered.

Burgess notified the council that the garbage company will pick up to a 30 gallon garbage container for 50c but over that would be 75c.

The company maintains that at the present low rate, which is the lowest on the peninsula, is not enough to compensate for the abnormal wages, etc., and to continue would mean a losing proposition.

Other Business.

Superintendent of streets, Charles Burgess reported that 1200 square feet of repaving had been done in the previous month on Menlo avenue which was paid for by the property owner.

The council passed a resolution to transfer $1,500 from the general fund to the capital outlay, which represented the 5 cent tax rate levied this year for that fund

The next meeting will be February 27, 7:30 p.m., at the City Hall.

CITIZENS' SERVICE LEAGUE TO MEET TONIGHT

The Citizens' Service League will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the Stubbe Recreation Hall, 2351 University avenue, East Palo Alto.

Committees on zoning, high school site selection and other community problems will report.

Both members and non-members are invited.

● **Local Technocracy organiza**tion will give a dance Saturday, February 17 at 236 McAllister St., San Francisco.

● **Mr. and Mrs. George Terhune** and their three sons are now occupying the home on Hobart street which they bought some weeks ago.

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ABOUT PEOPLE

From Here and There

BY PORTIA

SIGNS OF SPRING

"Lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone (suppressed laughter from J. Pluvius), in gardens adventurous fruit trees are all a-bloom, the time of the swinging golf club is come and the voice of the mower is heard on the lawn.

OTHER SIGNS OF SPRING

Mrs. Alfred Ducato, in smart oxford gray ensemble topped by a white flower corsage chapeau, playing chauffeur for her young son, John, on his round trips to and from school.

In anticipation of the season's traditional housecleaning, the Palo Alto AWVS, organizing a perpetual treasure hunt for silver, linens, electric appliances of what-have-you for their War Bond Exchange Shop. Before your attic overflows, call P.A. 4235 and tuck another war bond in the safety deposit box.

Succumbing to the lure of spring planning, the George Sneckners accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Clemens Friedell of San Mateo (Mr. Friedell is the well-known architect) surveying the terrain in the Menlo hills last Sunday with an eye to building a rambling California rancho home and landscaping for an informal garden.

EIGHT CANDLES

Not even the big bad wolf could have competed with the huffing and puffing that extinguished the eight candles on the cake at John Walling's birthday party last Saturday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Walling. His guests included Sharon Dowling, Mary Bard, Sanny Loofboorow, Stephen West, Orin Hurd, David Lambourne, Willis Lyon and Maribeth and Sandy Spelman. Following luncheon the children attended the theater.

MAKING NEW RECORDS

Making new records was the pastime at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Miller Forsythe one evening last week when a group of their friends gathered for a musical. Each guest had a part in the evening's entertainment and each carried home a recording of his musical contribution to the evening. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oram and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Payson Nelson. Next Sunday the Forsythes are entertaining with a luncheon at their home for a group of out-of-town friends.

GOOD-BYE PARTIES

A duo of good-bye parties for Moylan (Bub) Fox were on the social calendar for last week end. "Bub" entered the service on Monday. Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. William J. Mahaney entertained at their home. Their guests included the Norman McDonnells of Palo Alto, Mr .and Mrs. Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Randall Jr. Saturday evening the Randalls were hosts at a dinner party at their home to honor "Bub."

WEEK END GUESTS

Renewing their Menlo Park friendships last week end were Mr. and Mrs. Myron Palmer and their son, Don. The Palmers, who formerly resided here, have been making their home in Pleasanton. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ittner and Don visited Larry Johnston at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Johnston.

HERE AND THERE

Last Saturday, Mr. Harold Bishopp returned after spending a few days in Phoenix and Tuscon, Ariz.

Mrs. Walter Weldon has returned to her home on Lennox avenue after several months in Florida and Long Beach where Lt. Weldon was stationed with the navy. This week end, Mrs. Weldon expects to head south for several days and then will return to Menlo Park.

FAREWELL PARTIES

There have been a series of parties to compliment Mrs. John Warner, who leaves this Saturday to join Mr. Warner in Portland, where they will make their home. Among the gay affairs is the tea being given tomorrow by Mrs. Adolph Schaffer at her home. Among those assisting will be Mrs. Stanley Phillips, Mrs. John Licata and Mrs. James McLean Mullen. Last Tuesday Mrs. George Walsh and Mrs. Louis Scotford were hostesses at a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Walsh to honor Mrs. Warner. Guests included Mesdames Mullen, Ray Bruton, Phillips, Nathan King, Schaffer, Clark Spahr, Leo Varty, Licata and James Hild.

AT HOME

Localites will be delighted to learn that Lieutenant and Mrs. James Flood returned last Tuesday to reopen their home in Atherton. The past several months the Floods have been residing at Laguna Beach. Preceding the Floods north by several days, were their two small children, Jimmy and Judy, who came up from southern California with their grandmother, Mrs. John O. Dresser.

CINDERELLA DANCE

A Cinderella Dance was one of the features of the valentine dancing party given by Joan McCrae last Friday, February 9, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald McCrae. About twenty of Joan's friends attended.

RETURN TO MENLO PARK

Their many friends are welcoming Lieutenant Donald Torney, USN and Mrs. Torney and their sons, Peter and Michael, who last Thursday returned to their home on Creek Drive after spending the past two years in Key West, Fla.

DINNER PARTY

By way of a farewell to Major Ernie Nevers, USMC, who has gone down to San Diego, last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Murray Benton entertained with a dinner at their home on Winchester Drive in Atherton.

NEW ADDRESS

It is a new address for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collins and their son, Richard, who now are occupying their new home at 228 University Drive.

STANFORD ALUMNAE CONFERENCE

Among the localites planning to attend the Stanford Alumnae Conference being held on Saturday, February 17, at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco are Mrs. and Mrs. William Corbus. The conference includes round table discussions, luncheon and dinner. Joining Mr. and Mrs. Corbus in San Francisco at the conference will be Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Ritter of Stockton. Mrs. Ritter is the mother of Mrs. Corbus. Mr. Ritter is vice president of the College of Pacific.

FIGURE EIGHT

There was no mathematical significance to the figure 8's being cut by Mary and Dolores Cuff last Sunday when they and a group of their friends enjoyed an afternoon of ice skating at the rink in San Jose. Mrs. Thomas Cuff accompanied them on their outing.

LUNCHEON PARTY

Last Tuesday, Mrs. Mario Paccioretti entertained with a family luncheon. Among her guests were her aunts, Mrs. David Morris of Hollywood and Mrs. W. E. Teass of Berkeley.

VALENTINE LUNCHEON

Valentine's Day was observed by Barbara Sebring with a luncheon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Sebring, for a group of her young friends, Caroline Moore, Amerette Ott, Frances Harza, Ramona McIntosh and Bonnie Mellon.

FROM DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

From deep in the heart of Texas comes word of the birth of a daughter, Andrea Kirk, to Captain and Mrs. Max Forsyth. The Forsyths formerly resided in Menlo Park but are making their home in San Antonio, Texas where Capt. Forsyth is serving in the dental corps of the army air force. Andrea has a three year old brother, Bruce.

MORE NURSERY NEWS

Additions to the very young younger set continue to make news. The Walter Trefts Jr., who recently purchased a home on Winchester Drive in Atherton, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter on February 6. The Trefts have a small son and another little daughter.

Professor and Mrs. F. C. Strickland of Bay Laurel Drive are being congratulated upon the birth of a son on February 11.

Another young man about town is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Roach who was born last Saturday at the Palo Alto Hospital.

February 10 also is the date of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gagen of Santa Cruz avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kaska are welcoming a son who was born last Sunday at the Palo Alto hospital.

SEWING GROUP

The Sewing Group of the Menlo Park Presbyterian church will meet at 10 o'clock today at the home of Mrs E. J. Wiener, Camino de los Robeles. Following luncheon the ladies will sew during the afternoon.

On next Thursday the Women's Auxiliary of the Menlo Park Presbyterian church will hold its February meeting.

RUSSIAN RELIEF SEWING

On Thursday, February 8, the regular fortnightly meeting of the group who sew for Russian Relief, gathered at the home of Miss Alice Silverber on Creek Drive. Among those present were Mrs. Olga Gankin, Mrs. A. Seiler, Mrs. William Forsythe, Mrs. Louise Cutler, Mrs. Dowd, Mrs. Elmer Payson Nelson and Mrs. Clarence Downs.

P.T.A. Activities

Central School Unit

A Founder's Day meeting of Menlo PTA was held Feb. 9 at Fremont school. Plans were made for a card party to be held early in April. The speakers of the day were Mr. J. J. Garland, president of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers and Henry Hall, supervisor of child welfare and attendance of San Mateo County.

In the course of her talk, Mrs. Garland said, "The California Congress of Parents and Teachers has gone on record as neither opposing nor approving compulsory military training for American youth at this time."

Mr. Hall spoke on school orchestras and musical education in schools and praised O. H. Olson for the fine work he is doing at Central school.

A candlelighting ceremony and social hour followed the meeting.

"QUARTETTE" ANNIVERSARY PARTY AT FICKES HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fickes were hosts last Saturday night at a "quartette" anniversary party at their home on Evelyn Way.

A dinner party was given to honor Mrs. Joseph Horn and Mrs. Trevor Jones whose birthday fell on that date and also to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Podany and Mr. and Mrs. Albin Johnson.

The table was decorated in valentine motif, with tall red and white candles and red hearts. A big anniversary cake formed the table centerpiece. All four of the honorees were presented with gifts. The evening was spent playing games. There were fourteen guests present.

● **Albert Meek left last Friday** for Seattle, after a week spent visiting his brother, Mr. M. Meek of Menlo Park.

FRED BACKLUND HOME ON FURLOUGH

Fred Backlund, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Corps, who has been in service for over two years and has been stationed in Washington, D.C., is home on furlough with his wife and little son at 2215 Euclid avenue, East Palo Alto.

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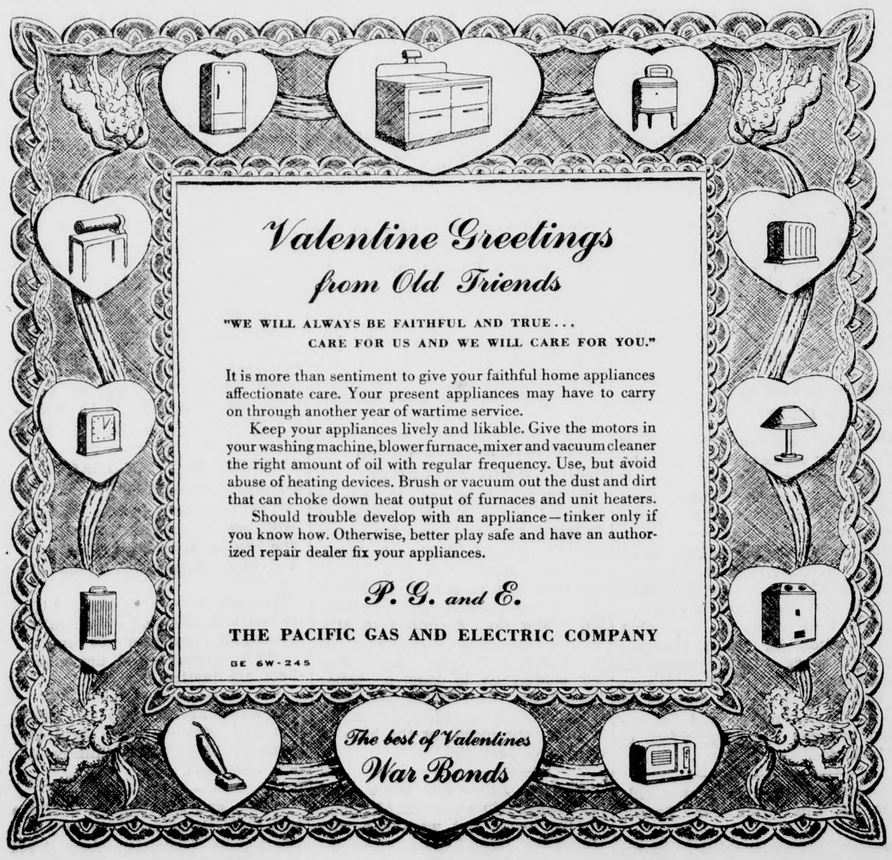
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Biography In Miniature

Mrs. Marie Larrecou was born in Oloron in the Pyreenees. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Justin Cediey and the 15th of 18 children.

In 1884, her parents, with those of their children, who had not already left the family household to make homes for themselves, came to America when Marie was a small child. They landed in New Orleans and came overland to San Francisco by train.

The little girl grew up in this city and it was here that she met and became engaged to Justin Larrecou. They were married by Father Brennon, who later became pastor of the church of the Nativity in Menlo Park.

Four children were born to them, Pierre, Justin, Bernard and Josephine. In 1893, they moved to Menlo park and Mr. Larrecou established, in a building next to the old grammar school, the first French laundry in Menlo Park.

Until the Larrecous went into this business, it was almost impossible to get fine laundry work done in Menlo. Not so many years before this, laundry was shipped from San Francisco to China.

When the Stanfords were preparing to entertain President MacKinley, Mrs. Stanford planned to use her gold dinner service and a table cloth so beautiful and so valuable, that she had always sent it to New York to be laundered. By some mistake, it was sent to Mrs. Larrecou. When Mrs. Stanford discovered the mistake, she almost had a fit. By this time, Mrs. Larrecou had the cloth washed, ironed and ready for delivery. Mrs. Stanford was so delighted with her work that the table cloth made no more trips to New York. Mrs. Stanford grew very fond of Mrs. Larrecou whom she called "my little French woman."

In 1899, the Larrecous built the store and apartment on El Camino where Mrs. Larrecou is living at the present time.

In 1902, Mr. Larrecou died and Marie was left, a young widow of 33, with four children, the oldest of whom was only 12 years old. She carried on the business and reared her children with bravery and courage.

Pierre was killed some years ago, in the course of duty as undersheriff of San Mateo County. His death in young manhood, was a terrible blow to Marie Larrecou and it is difficult for her to speak of him today, even after the passage of years since his death.

She has two grandchildren, her daughter Josephine's boy and girl, Mrs. Fred Musso and Bob Quilfelt. The latter, Mrs. Larrecou admits, is the joy of her life. Bob is at the present time, a member of the Seabees and is in the South Pacific. His mother is now Mrs. Edwin Walsh.

Mrs. Larrecou has lived in Menlo Park for 52 years. She will be 76 on her next birthday, September 8. In spite of several severe illnesses, she is an extremely active woman and her memory is little short of phenominal. She has always enjoyed card parties and often times has guests for cards in her home. She does not go out to card parties any more, but enjoys a game with members of her family.

She was rather puzzled when asked the secret of her happy outlook on life, and her granddaughter suggested that it was the result of "good clean living." The interview over, Mrs. Larrecou's last remark was a request for an extra Recorder, "To send to Bob."

MRS. MARGARET ROBERT FETED AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Burns gave a birthday party last Monday night at their home on Webster street in Palo Alto in honor of Mrs. Margaret Robert, manager of the Stone Cellar.

A big two-decker cake, decorated with pink roses was placed on a glass top-side table, underneath which colored lights were strung, throwing a soft glow on the cake. Mrs. Burns is an expert on flower arrangement and her dinner table decorations are always beautiful and original. Six guests were present.

Following the birthday dinner, Mr. Burns entertained the guests with Kodachrome slides of Alaska.

NEW COMERS

Among the new comers to Menlo Park are Mr. and Mrs. James Ross Craik whose recent marriage at the Redwood City Methodist church was one of the social events of the spring season. Mrs. Craik was the former Ann Roberts.

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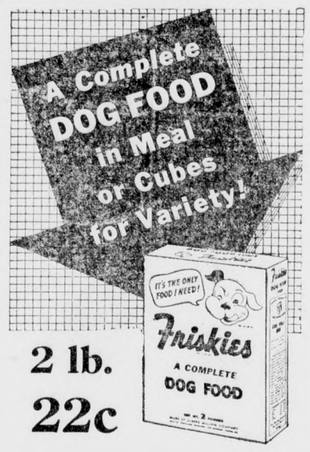
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Your City's Business

By Charles P. Burgess

California school districts are supported by State subventions of not less than $90 for each student in average daily attendance, plus Federal-State vocational education and rehabilitation funds, plus property taxes. Property taxes are subject to a maximum limitation of 75 cents per $100 assessed valuation, unless a higher rate is voted by the electorate.

Taxpayers in the limits of the City of Menlo Park currently are paying 6½ per cent of the taxes collected by the Sequoia Union High School District. Sequoia, this year, has a tax rate of 67.7 cents, compared with 60 cents last year and 50 cents the year before. For four years prior thereto the rate stood very close to 63 cents. How does this rate compare with others in the county?

There are four high school districts which between them contain all the incorporated cities in the county, Jefferson (Daly City), So. San Francisco, San Mateo and Sequoia. The highest rate is Jefferson's with 70 cents and the lowest South San Francisco's with 58 cents. Sequoia, therefore, is fairly well in line. Tax rates can be deceptive as to true costs, however, for the taxable wealth per student may vary considerably. Rather than go into that, let us analyze the actual costs per student.

Last March the California Taxpayers' Association published an analysis of current expenditures of California high schools in the fiscal year 1942-43. It reported the Sequoia cost as $217 per unit of average daily atendance. Jefferson was given as $192, South San Francisco $220, and San Mateo as $197. Palo Alto's expenditure was listed as $219 and Mountain View's as $234.

The median for four year high schools in the State with average daily attendance exceeding 1000 was given as $204.

From the above comparisons it would seem that our high school district's expenditures are well in line with the California average. Next week we will scrutinize Sequoia's current budget in some detail.

● **Henry Hassell has this week** as his house guests at his home on Alameda de las Pulgas, his son, C.P.O. Walter Hassell, his daughter, Pvt. Evelyn Yazvac, a Wac who has been stationed in Boise, Idaho and a friend, Mrs. H. Davey from Vancouver, B.C.

● **Mr. and Mrs. C. E. MacPherson** had as guests at their Alejandra avenue home in Atherton last Sunday, Mrs. MacPherson's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. Weeks and two of their eight children and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berkendall.

Mr. Weeks, a veteran of World War I, has a son who is an engineer in the USN. Robert Berkendall, is an engineer, having been given the purple heart twice. In his honor, Charles MacPherson ran up the flag presented to him by United Spanish War Veterans.

The MacPhersons have 77 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

A dinner at the MacPherson home climaxed the pleasant visit.

Central School News

By Joyce Fagg and Jo Furbush

The 6th, 7th and 8th grades at Central school are starting a newspaper. The name of the paper has not been decided yet. It will be published every two weeks.

The editors in chief are Niel Dickenson and Bill Downey. Other members of the staff include David Esobar, Joe Kelly, Melvin Frolli, David Mateny, Janet Hampton, Holly Imholt, Joyce Fagg and Jo Furbush, Au-Deane hepherd and Ellen Wagner.

SPORTS

Last Thursday afternoon, Central 8th grade "Gremlins" played the Ravenswood "Ruff and Tuff" cagers at Ravenswood and won by a close score of 22-20.

VALENTINE PARTY

The Valentine party held in the school auditorium last Saturday night was a big success. The hall was decorated with valentines and everyone had a good time.

A.W.V.S. Notes

Last Saturday night the AWVS hostesses gave a Valentine party for service men. The Lounge was gaily decorated with red valentine hearts and a program was given for the boys.

Miss "Betty Boop" gave vocal selections, Sgt. Phillip Conde sang, accompanied at the piano by Miss Vivien Gertson and "H & H" boys sang cowboy songs. The guests danced Paul Jones and other old-fashioned dances. Valentines were drawn from a large box during the evening.

Senior hostesses for the evening were: Mrs. Mosses, snack bar; Mrs. Kafka, Mrs. Ontario, Mrs. Neilson, Mrs. Myrtle Stewart and Mrs. Bradley. Among the Junior hostesses were: Vivian Gertson, Jane Zobler, Florence Mullins, Eleanor Morris, Norma Gugliemoni, Miriam Philbrick, Frances Harkins, Eunice Philbrick, Ruth Hopkins and Frances Feroli.

● **Mr. and Mrs. Van Crego of** Menlo Park were visitors in Cayucos last Saturday night.

SCOUTS RECEIVE COMMUNION

Over a hundred members of Boy Scout Troop 108, Girl Scouts, Cubs and Brownies received Communion at the 8:30 Mass at Church of the Nativity and were guests at the breakfast in Nativity Hall following the service.

● **Jane George who played "Angelica"** in the last Player's Guild production and who has been cast in the feminine lead for "George Washington Slept Here," was a dinner and overnight guest at the home of friends in San Jose this week.

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